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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM OECD PARIS DATED FEBRUARY 19, 1974
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PASS AGRICULTUR FOR FRASER FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE

EO 11652 N/A

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SUBJECT JOINT AGRICULTURE TRADE WORKING PARTY

REF (A) STATE 30634 (B) STATE 26525

1. RAIGAUT (FRANCE) REELECTED CHARIMAN, DONOVAN (NEW
ZEALAND) VICE CHAIRMAN.

2. AGENDA ITEM 3, CHANGES IN TRADE POLICIES AND
PRACTICES, TOOK MOST OF DAY. SPANIARDS HAD NEW TARIFF
SCHEDULE ACCORDING TO WHICH IMPORT CHARGE ON SOYBEANS
IS SPECIFIC DUTY (NOT VARIABLE LEVY). THEY WILL CLARIFY
THIS AND RELATED QUESTIONS ON MEAL AND OIL. CANADIANS
WILL FURNISH INFORMATION ON PAST IMPORT SURCHARGE FRESH
SWEET CHERRIES. AT ATTACHE WOULD APPRECIATE APPROXI-
MATE QUANTIFICATION OF DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 21 CENTS A
POUND AND VALUE FOR DUTY SINCE THAT DIFFERENCE EQUALS
SURCHARGE. OTHER DELS SHOWED LIVELY INTEREST IN US
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DAIRY PRODUCTS, WHEAT AND COTTON ACTIONS OR PROPOSALS.

NO QUESTIONS ON MEAT.

3. AGENDA ITEM 4 ON COMMODITY CONSULTATIONS NOT VERY PRODUCTIVE BUT WP NOTED US VIEWS PRESENTED BY US REP AS PER REF (A).

4. INFORMAL DISCUSSION ON WORLDWIDE INTEREST IN STOCKS IN LINE WITH REF (B), I.E. WP NOT RECOMMENDING ANYTHING TO PARENT COMMITTEES NOR AUTHORIZING ANY SECRETARIAT WORK BUT CONSENSUS OF THOSE PRESENT THAT THEY WILL REPORT HOME UNIVERSAL LIVELY INTEREST IN SUBJECT.

5. NEX MEETING BETWEEN MAY 25 AND JUNE 10, 1974.

6. AIRGRAM REPORT WILL BE FILED AFTER WORKING PARTY ONE MEETINGS.
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